

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words

May is one of my favourite months. Spring is here, the days are longer and warmer. May usually brings quite a few weddings, and this year is no exception.

At the Parish Communion at **10am on Sunday 1st May** we will be welcoming the families who had funerals in Church during March.

Monday 2nd May is a Bank Holiday.

On **Sunday 8th May** we will have our monthly **All Age Celebration at 10am**, followed by **Baptisms at 12 noon** and a celebration of the **Eucharist at 6.30pm**.

The **PCC** will meet on **Monday 9th May at 7.30pm**. this will be the last meeting of the current PCC before the AGM.

On **Tuesday 10th May at 10am** in Church we will be meeting to plan worship and choose hymns for June.

On **Saturday 14th May Prayer Breakfast** in Church at 9am, followed by a **Wedding at 1pm**.

On **Sunday 15th May** at the Parish Communion we will be welcoming families who have had a funeral at St Mary's during April. At **11.30am** on that Sunday we will be holding our **Annual Parochial Meeting** at which we will be electing Churchwardens, PCC Members and Deanery Synod Representatives.

On **Wednesday 18th May at 3pm Soul Sanctuary** - Meditation & Contemplative Prayer for beginners, and at **7.30pm St Mary's Gathering** - a time for prayer, fellowship, Bible study & discussion.

Thursday 19th May, after the Mid-week Communion (9.30am) at **10.15am** we have the **Daytime Gathering**.

On **Friday 20th May at 2pm** there will be a **Wedding** in Church, and also on **Sat 21st May at 3pm** there will be a **Wedding** in Church.

Thursday 26th May, Ascension Day, Eucharist 9.30am.

On **Sunday 29th May at 12 noon Baptisms** in Church

God bless,
Tim.



Front Cover – New **Altar Frontal** – Dedicated on Palm Sunday 10th of April 2022 by the Rev Tim Gill.
A gift of the Robinson family in memory of Dorothy Robinson 1917-2010

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Colours

You must have noticed the distinct colours used in the Church on different occasions and at different times of the year. The colours used on the Altar and pulpit fall, in the prayer corner and worn by the Vicar. These are the four main liturgical colours used for the seasons of the church year as well as specific events and 'Holy Days'

The four main colours used are Purple, White, Green, and Red

Purple



Used in Advent (left) and Lent (right) symbolises expectation, royalty, and penitence

White



Used at Christmas, in Epiphany, at Easter, for Trinity Sunday and All Saints Day, symbolises purity and joy

Green



For ordinary time, the time between the main festivals, symbolising growth and new life

Red



The colour of fire, passion, and blood. Used to symbolise Christ's passion during Holy Week, the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Remembrance Sunday, Christ the King, and to commemorate martyred saints.

The church year begins in late November with the season of Advent when Purple is used, followed by White for the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany. There is a brief period of Green before Ash Wednesday, when we return to Purple for the season of Lent. The colour Red makes a brief appearance from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday, White (and Gold) from Easter Sunday, Red again to celebrate Pentecost, (Whitsun), and finally a long season of Green for what is called Ordinary Time, from Pentecost to Advent, almost six months.

Towards the end of last year, at Tim's suggestion and with funding from the Robinson family in memory of Dorothy, a Red altar frontal for the Nave Altar began to take shape during the last lockdown! The design is simple and yet hopefully, quite elegant and striking.

The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow. - *Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)*

Now St. Mary's has five sets of colours for the church year – Two Purple for Advent and Lent, one White for Christmas and Easter, Green for Ordinary Time, and finally the Red.

All I hope illustrate the gospel, the story of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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'Let our family look after yours'

Dorothy Robinson 2nd June 1917 – 1st October 2010

Dorothy Mary Revitt was born in 1917 into a very different world from the one we know today, with the First World War still being fought and the Russian Revolution about to begin. Cars and electricity were extremely rare. Dorothy described her generation as having witnessed a complete social revolution, moving from relative primitiveness to great sophistication.

Dorothy was the eldest child of Jack and Mary Revitt who farmed at Southey Hall, a farm with Saxon foundations. When she was six, the family moved down the hill to Doe Royd Farm. They left both farms in 1938 when the land was purchased by Sheffield Council for building the large Parson Cross and Southey housing estates.



After school at Parson Cross and Notre Dame, Dorothy became a civil servant and continued her passion for words and poetry in her spare time as a teacher of elocution. She was very involved in the life of the church at Christ Church, Wadsley Bridge. She married Harry Robinson in 1947 and they settled in Ecclesfield where they brought up their 4 children and she became an active member of St. Mary's. Harry had been involved in the church since he was a boy in the choir, joined the PCC at the age of 22 and followed his Father serving as a churchwarden and Treasurer for more than 20 years. He died in 1975 at the age of 60.

Widowed at 57, Dorothy dealt with her loss by becoming more involved in many activities at church and in the village, including helping with the lunch club for older residents, the Ecclesfield Musical Festival and the Mothers' Union where she was enrolling member at Ecclesfield and Deanery President.



Throughout her difficulties in later life Dorothy remained cheerful, optimistic and uncomplaining with an unbreakable faith in God.

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Older mums

Mothers are getting older. More than half of women in the UK are now still childless by the age of 30, according to recent official figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The data provides a picture of changes in our national fertility.

The vice-president of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists says: "Over the last few decades, there has been a trend of women choosing to have babies later than women did a generation ago, and there is a growing trend of women having fewer or no children. This is due to a range of social professional and financial reasons."

God in The Arts

Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a famous painting by Dirk Bouts. It is found in the church of St Peter in Louvain.

A meal to remember!

When we gather with other Christians to celebrate the Eucharist and to make our communion, we are remembering that special meal Jesus shared with His disciples on the eve of His arrest and death. But do we always appreciate what we are doing? Sometimes the monotony of repetition and distractions will get in the way. We fail to recognise Christ's gift at communion for what it truly is.



In the 15th century the prosperous burghers of the Flemish town of Louvain commissioned the artist Dirk Bouts to paint a special altarpiece devoted to the Eucharist for the church of St Peter. Dirk Bouts, with his imagination, portrayed the Last Supper in a room looking out to his own town of Louvain. The faces of the servers in the room and the cooks looking through the hatch were modelled on the burghers who commissioned the work.

Other faces are modelled on theologians at the new university who visited the artist. They wanted to ensure he kept his theological feet on the ground while his imagination took flight. And so around the scene of the Last Supper, Bouts has painted Old Testament scenes foreshadowing that holy communion: Melchizedek offering bread and wine in return for Abraham's offering, the eating of the first Passover, the gathering of the manna in the wilderness, and Elijah wakened by the angel to eat and drink before setting out for Horeb. Signs of sacrifice, the Passover of the old covenant, daily food and food for the journey – all key aspects of the communion we celebrate and share in.

Just as the theological faculty reminded Dirk Bouts of all these facets, so the artist is reminding us of the richness of the distinctive meal we have as Christians. When we see the bread and wine taken up and offered, we remember not only the Last Supper, when Jesus fed His disciples with the sacrifice of His life, but those occasions when God reached out to feed His people of old. We rejoice that the food our Lord gives us in the Eucharist feeds us now and enables us to make our journey through life to the eternal banquet offered in the heavenly kingdom.

Saint Peter's Church (Dutch: Sint-Pieterskerk) in Leuven, Belgium, is a Roman Catholic church built in the 15th century in the Brabantine Gothic style.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Peter%27s_Church,_Leuven

The church has a cruciform floor plan and a low bell tower that has never been completed. It is 93 metres (305 ft) long. It is located on the city's 'Grote Markt' (Grand Square), opposite the Town Hall. In 1999, the belfry and bell tower of the church was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List as part of the Belfries of Belgium and France site, in recognition of the civil importance and architecture of the belfries in the region. <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/943>

St James the Least of All

Editor: *The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...*

On the perils of the church picnic

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

A Spring parish picnic is always a good idea – although you must bear some details in mind. First, whatever date you choose will turn out be the wettest of the year. English picnics are invariably eaten under umbrellas while wearing Wellingtons and the sort of determinedly cheerful look that defies anyone to admit they would rather be home in front of the fire.

Second, no matter how early in the year, wasps will emerge from hibernation in huge numbers, and terrorise Mrs Hornby with the picnic baskets. And thirdly, someone will bring along their (hungry) dog. Last time Colonel Psmith's spaniel outdid herself: she leapt up, head butted a piece of Madeira cake out of Mrs Horngirdle's hand - and ate the lot – before even a crumb could touch the ground. A good piece of field work, that.

Half-way through the afternoon, some over-excited member of the party will decide to arrange a game of rounders. (Mr Poppinjay tried this one year, as in his youth he had been athletic. Fortunately, the ambulance got there quickly, and the ankle healed well.) Then the mothers who join in will completely ignore the ball sailing past them, while they discuss some burning topic of Mother's Union gossip.

In the meantime, the young choir members, who were the reason for arranging the game in the first place, will have drifted off to the lake to throw stones at the ducks while no one is looking.

For our annual picnic, I use my own car, making sure it is so full of clerical robes and church magazines that no one else can fit in. Throughout the day, I keep returning to it to make sure no one has broken in to steal the Communion wine – and taking the opportunity to catch up on the cricket scores. By the middle of the afternoon, I usually remember that some urgent duty, such as blessing a traction engine, demands my departure.

The rest of the party, by now soaked, cold and knowing the coach to take them home is still several hours off, only wish they had such demanding work to tear them away.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Editor - Picnic comes from the French word pique-nique, whose earliest usage in print is in the 1692 edition of Tony Willis, *Origines de la Langue Française*, which mentions pique-nique as being of recent origin. The term was used to describe a group of people dining in a restaurant who brought their own wine. The concept of a picnic long retained the connotation of a meal to which everyone contributed something. According to some dictionaries, the French word pique-nique is based on the verb piquer, which means 'pick', 'peck', or 'nab', and the rhyming addition nique, which means 'thing of little importance', 'bagatelle', 'trifle'. The French Revolution popularized the picnic across the world. French aristocrats fled to other Western countries, bringing their picnicking traditions with them. After the Revolution, French people of all classes visited and mingled in the country's royal parks. Picnicking transformed from an upper-class luxury to a cheap way to spend an afternoon with friends. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Picnic>



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Thought for the Month

The Easter story tells us that the risen Jesus still carried the scars of the Crucifixion in His hands, feet, and side. This is one of the reasons why the disciples realised that He wasn't a ghost.

The Risen-and-still-scarred Jesus returned to the Father, to the heart of heaven after 40 days on earth. We remember this at the Feast of the Ascension held this year on 26th May. According to the vision of heaven in the Book of Revelation, in heaven as Lord and God, Jesus still carries the scars of His Crucifixion.

John in Revelation writes that at the heart of heaven, sharing the worship of all creation with the Father, there is a Lamb who looks as though He has been slain (Revelation chapters 5 & 6).

Why does John emphasise this detail?

I think it is an assurance that the God who meets us in Jesus, who lived and loved, suffered and died as a man, as one of us, still carries in heaven the pain and sorrow of life in this world.

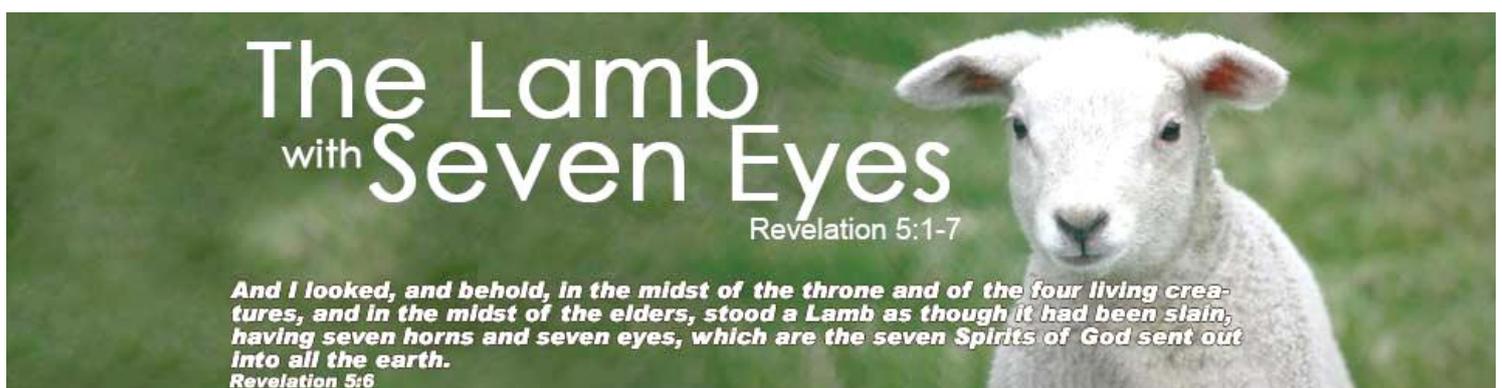
This means that when we cry out to God, we are praying to one who knows; one who understands our situation and our suffering.

When I kneel in Church to pray for my friends, for members of my own family, who are facing pain and heartbreak, I am holding them before one who knows from the inside what they are going through. I don't need to find the right words to say. God knows and God knows them.

When I sit at the bedside of someone who is suffering, when I hold the hand of someone whose heart is breaking again I don't need words. The God who meets us in Jesus is already with them in their pain. The God who reveals Himself in Jesus carries the pain and the brokenness and the tears of our world in His heart for eternity.

The scars of Christ reveal the character of God; they reveal that God is eternally self-giving, sorrow-healing, death defeating love.

May the God who meets us in Jesus draw close to you and to those you love and to those for whom you pray. Amen.



Mothers' Union

We welcomed Andy Foster from the police who talked about Fraud and Scams. His aim was to raise awareness about what is happening everywhere and every day. His role is to support vulnerable people, the elderly and lonely, especially those who might welcome telephone calls and house calls from strangers. And how we might be on our guard.

We were amazed at the facts and figures he produced. It is the number one crime today with only a half being recorded because people are ashamed, and embarrassed, or do not know who to ask or tell. Over 1 billion pounds is lost annually, 53% of over 65's are targeted and only 5% make a report. Many are vulnerable because of loneliness and bereavement, and therefore more likely to trust callers, but it can cause great mental and financial hardship.

In the last 6 months there had been 37,000 calls to the National Reporting Centre, but sadly in 90% of the cases no action can be taken because they have been perpetrated by organised gangs. If the police are called, Andy gives people a chance to talk, and share their feelings and embarrassment. Sometimes, he can sort things out if the Bank Protocol hasn't been used which flags up any unusual activity on an account, something different is happening.

Much is heard about telephone fraud with 3.9 million nuisance calls recorded. The advice is if you don't know the person and they make requests put the phone down. Your bank will never call you about your account. Greater use needs to be made about 'Call barring' on the phone as this can prevent cold calls from unknown people. It is easy to do with your provider or get a friend or relation to help you do this.

Beware of couriers who might ring and ask for money to release goods. The police will never cold call. Romance fraud again targeting the vulnerable. Never send money to anyone asking for help in this situation. £97 million has been lost this way, and sometimes it can clear out a person's bank account. £1.6 million has been lost to fraudsters in South Yorkshire alone.

Awareness of calls from Bank Apps, and online shopping fraud is on the increase. There is No Water Board or Gas Board, do not let anyone in who says that is where they are from.

Never be afraid to ask for help if you are not sure, and report to the police, or your bank if things don't seem quite right, but use another phone if you can because fraudsters can sometimes keep your phone alive. You might stop someone else becoming a victim.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Ecclesfield Mothers' Union is on Wednesday 4th May 2022, 1.30 pm in The Gatty Hall, when our speaker will be Sylvia Charles. Everyone is Welcome

This year's Diocesan Quiet Day will take place in the Chapter House of Sheffield Cathedral on 10th May 2022. 10.30-14.30. The speaker is Cathy Davie who will give a talk entitled "Living in the Light of Eternity".

Tea and coffee will be served but you are advised to bring a packed lunch. The charge for the day will be £5.00. There will be midday prayers at 12.00 and you can join in the Cathedral Eucharist at 12.30.

God in the Sciences

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Humility

A few years ago I visited the Smithsonian Museum's Hall of Human Origins. Our guide, the curator of anthropology, was keen to help Christians understand his research. Whatever you make of the evidence for human evolution, the fact remains that other species a bit like us were around before we came on the scene – or in the case of Neanderthals, at the same time.



Part of the exhibit included lifelike reconstructions of the face and hair of several different hominins, displayed on pillars at the right height for each species. So I could crouch down to 'meet' Homo floriensis or stand tall to look into the eyes of Homo heidelbergensis. Most of these – beings? creatures? – were on other branches of the evolutionary tree to us, and we share a common ancestor much further back. I did, however, feel as if I was meeting my forebears.

As I walked between the statues I asked myself, "Why us?" There's evidence that Neanderthals used symbolism as we do, and also buried their dead. Did they have the potential to evolve to a point where they could do similar things to us? The curator explained how, as the ice ages came and went, human beings moved around but other species appear to have stayed put and suffered the consequences – they just weren't ready yet for that big change. As I took in the displays about how we began to gather socially around a fire, make music or write, I felt humbled. We managed to adapt, but we could so easily have disappeared with the rest.

In his book *The Message of Creation*, theologian David Wilkinson shares his view that being made in the image of God has nothing to do with our own cleverness or abilities, but is a gift. God created us on purpose (I believe through the long slow process of evolution) and chose to enter into a relationship with us, making us His representatives on earth.

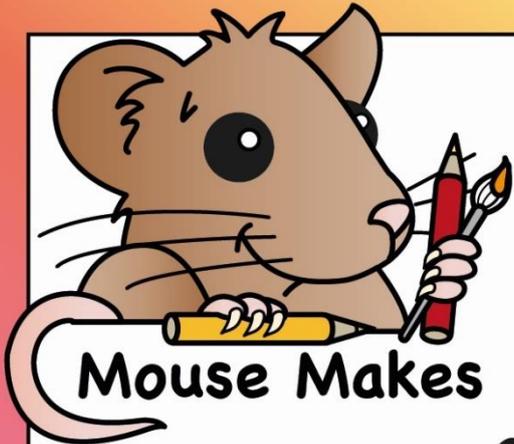
Thankfully I don't have to figure out how to interact with other human-like hominins today. I do, however, have an equal share in humankind's God-given commission to tend and keep creation. Am I ready to go further than ensuring my own species' survival - not necessarily because we have evolved further than our ice-age ancestors, but because I have one of the 'new hearts' promised in Ezekiel 11:19? Can I work together, in a true spirit of humility, with people from all over the world to ensure the full diversity of life can flourish?

*For resources on this question, try: -

The Faraday Institute - <https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/>

BioLogos - <https://biologos.org/>

and Christians in Science - <https://www.cis.org.uk/>



Mouse Makes

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever"
Psalm 136:1



Jesus said,
"This, then, is how you should pray:

Our

_____ in _____ hallowed be your

_____ your

_____ come, your _____ be done, on

_____ as it is in _____.

Give us this day our daily _____.
And

_____ us our _____, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And _____ us not into temptation, but

_____ us from the _____ one."

Read Matthew 6:9-13 to fill in the words.



"Never stop praying."
1 Thessalonians 5:17



I ask for...



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
Philippians 4:6

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Editor's Humour

Online readers - don't forget to click on the pictures and links to learn more!

What has four letters, occasionally has twelve letters, but never has five letters – now you know

I've had a lot of worries in my life, most of which never happened. – [Mark Twain](#)

PROCAFFEINATING (n.) the tendency to not start anything until you've had a cup of coffee.

ME: ALEXA, remind me to go to the gym. **ALEXA:** I have added gin to your shopping list.

ME: Close enough

Although Jesus was known as a [Carpenter](#), he never actually sang on any of the albums.

I have seen what a laugh can do. It can transform almost unbearable tears into something bearable, even hopeful. - [Bob Hope](#)

Understanding Engineers Take Three

The graduate with an engineering degree asks,
"How does it work?"

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"Why does it work?"

The graduate with an accounting degree asks,
"How much will it cost?"

The graduate with an arts degree asks,
"Do you want fries with that?"



One minute you're young and fun, and the next minute you predict the weather with your bad knee.

Prayer for the Month

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Traditionally the Gloria is not said or sung at Communion in two seasons of the Year, Advent and Lent. They are penitential seasons when we prepare by prayer and fasting for the great feasts of Christmas and Easter.

This year Lent seemed to last longer than seven weeks! So I was very pleased when we said the gloria on Maundy Thursday at the Eucharist of the Last Supper and when we sang it again on Easter Morning.

As a prayer the Gloria is a joyful outpouring of thanks and praise to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the Communion Service it always follows the confession and absolution and so it is a prayer of thanks to the God who has lifted our burdens; it is the prayer of those who know ourselves to be forgiven for our failures and set free from our past.

Whenever I say or sing the Gloria it reminds me that confession is not a time to make ourselves feel shame or guilt, it is not about dwelling on our mistakes and failures and sins; rather it is the good news that God is greater than our sins and that in Christ God has already dealt with our failures and faults.

We are set free and forgiven so that we can live as God's children. Whatever our past today is a new day and a new start. Our past does not define us nor does it determine our future.

In Christ we are set free. That is why we pray the Gloria!

God bless,

Tim.

Cycle ride for Bowel Cancer UK

An email John Goodman

My brother, Brian Goodman, was treasurer for St Mary's church for many years until his death in 2016. I am also a treasurer for Barton St David church in Somerset.

My son Jonathan was diagnosed with stage four bowel cancer in 2020 and I am embarking, at the age of 74, on an over 550 miles cycle ride back to my roots to raise awareness of this devastating disease. Any funds raised will not help him but it will try to get screening for individuals over 40 rather than at present over 65.

I was born in Ecclesfield but left at the age of 15 to join the Royal Navy. I am leaving home on 4th May and hope to be in Ecclesfield on 17th May to visit Marrie, my sister-in-law, who still lives on The Wheel.

Please note this is a journey on a proper bike not an E-bike!!

Kind regards
John Goodman

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If you can, mow, weed, strim, sweep, pickup sticks, rake leaves or drive a sit on mower, we need you. If you can spare just one or two hours a week it would be a great help. Not only will the church look good, but you might even feel your spiritual and physical well-being improve and in our small way help the environment. We come to the churchyard every Tuesday and Friday afternoon (weather permitting) followed by a drinks and biscuits, sometimes even a cake.

Any help most welcome. Thank you. Pat Wood

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The season started on Easter Saturday, 16th April. The 1st XI faced the challenge of Sheffield Collegiate at Baxter Field with the memory of last season's defeat by a single run still in mind. Whitley achieved a score of 170 and Collegiate's start with 87 for 2 made it a challenging game. But then the wickets started falling with all the remaining falling for just 40 runs giving a fine win by 43 runs and a very positive start to the season. The 2nd XI were not able to replicate the start and lost away at Upper Haugh by 55 runs. The 3rd XI had the luxury of a home game at Baxter Field on Easter Monday against Bradfield 2nd XI and in front of a Bank Holiday crowd achieved a comfortable victory. Anyone interested in joining us, please contact the Secretary in the first instance (details below).

Spectators are welcome to use all the facilities in the pavilion where drinks and snacks are available.

Fixtures at Baxter Field, Cinder Hill Lane (12 noon start)

30 th April	2 nd XI	v	South Kirby 1 st XI
7 th May	1 st XI	v	Appleby Frodingham 1 st XI
14 th May	2 nd XI	v	Rotherham 1 st XI
21 st May	1 st XI	v	Cleethorpes 1 st XI
28 th May	1 st XI	v	Treeton 1 st XI
4 th June	2 nd XI	v	Sheffield United 1 st XI

Contact: Joe Webster, Secretary: 07969 014592
whitleyhall@yicspl.co.uk

Andrew Robinson

There, but for the grace of God, go I

This saying is attributed to John Bradford (1510-1555), who was one of the Protestant Reformers. When he saw criminals on their way to execution, Bradford would utter, "But for the grace of God, there goes John Bradford." It was his way of acknowledging that he depended every day on the mercy of God, despite his sins, which he considered were on a par with those of rogues.

Sadly, Bradford's freedom was to last only a short time, for he was convicted as a heretic, incarcerated, and finally burned at the stake, during the reign of Queen Mary. Renowned for his prayer life and preaching, Bradford had continued to proclaim the Gospel in prison. One of his biographers wrote, "He lived a long life in a short space of time."

The Gardening Year – May

Veg sowing can start in May

Courgettes even though they can grow huge in open soil can do well in large containers. courgettes like rich soil and sun, ideally you would plant them in moisture retentive compost, courgettes like to be kept moist and pretty much take care of themselves, but make sure you water them regularly otherwise you could end up with deformed fruits. The most important thing is to give them enough space, make sure your container is large enough, and only put one plant per pot.

Cucumbers you can grow successfully in large pots and they are in fact easier to grow outdoors than in a greenhouse. Once the weather is warm enough (mid-May) the seed can be sown outdoors. A deserving RHS AGM winner, Cucumber 'Marketmore' produces a plentiful crop of crisp, well-flavoured cylindrical cucumbers throughout summer, even in poor seasons. Enjoy a long cropping season, harvesting the cucumbers as and when required. Great for snacking, dipping and summer salads.

Squash, there are two main types of squash, summer and winter, obviously you wouldn't try to grow a huge pumpkin in a container, but some of the summer squashes i.e. Acorn, or Patty Pan, can grow well in large pots. (Acorn squashes are the winter type) varieties for summer squashes are Lunar Eclipse, a Patty Pan which mature quickly. For winter squash Honey Bear is ideal for containers. They have a sweet flesh and the plants are no larger than a courgette plant.

Onion family. Some of the smaller onion family such as garlic and chives are ideal for containers. You can buy mini leeks and shallots or spring onions can be grown in small containers because they are shallow rooted. Garlic is an ideal crop for beginners and it's amazing to see how one individual clove develops into an entire bulb. Garlic likes free draining soil and needs a sunny site, so make sure it is not sheltered by other taller plants, keep it in a container close to your home during autumn in order to keep it warm.

Colin Williams

Eat the Seasons – May

Vegetables - Asparagus, Broccoli, Carrots, Jersey Royal New Potatoes, Lettuce & Salad Leaves, New Potatoes, Peas, Radishes, Rocket, Samphire, Spinach, Spring Onions, Watercress, Wild Nettles

Fruit - Bananas (Windward), Kiwi Fruit, Rhubarb

Herbs - Basil, Chervil, Chives, Coriander, Dill, Oregano, Mint, Nasturtium, Parsley (Curly), Rosemary, Sage, Sorrel, Tarragon

Meat - Lamb, Wood Pigeon

Fish – Cockles, Crab, Langoustine, Lobster, Plaice, Prawns, Salmon, Sea Trout, Shrimp, Whitebait

Visit - www.eattheseasons.co.uk

The Pain of Ukraine

By William Mather

Ideas for paintings come in all sorts of ways. The awfulness of the Soviet Aggression in Ukraine has been in all our thoughts and prayers. For me, it was that early image of the block of flats hit by a missile causing death, destruction and a gaping hole. With it came a reminder of Jesus on the cross and a gaping hole in His side from the soldier's spear. The two came together in my mind and so a painting idea was born. With it came thoughts of the great Spanish artist Goya and his powerful etchings 'The Disasters of War' in protest over the French invasion and occupation 1810-1820.



The Christian teaching is that Jesus died on the cross for our sin. None of us is blameless, not least the soldier with the spear or the Russians with the missile. But the poignant promise through the pain - even the pain of Ukraine – is that the message of the cross is more powerful than any tyrant. Through it comes peace in the heart that lasts for ever.

Editor: The Revd William Mather is a retired vicar and still very active artist! He was moved to create this painting and wrote the words above to accompany it. We offer them for you to use as you continue to pray for the suffering people of Ukraine.

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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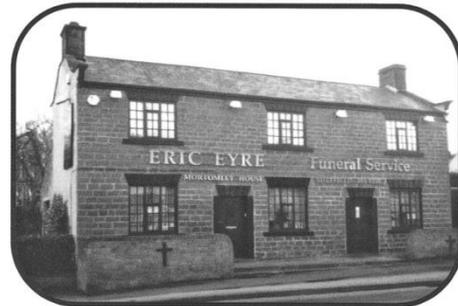
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It is time to eat Samphire

Originally known as "sampie", a corruption of the French "Saint Pierre" (Saint Peter), samphire was named after the patron saint of fishermen because all of the original plants with its name grow in rocky salt-sprayed regions along the seacoast of northern Europe or in its coastal marsh areas. Although there are two types of samphire – marsh and rock – only marsh samphire is widely available fresh.



Rock Samphire has an unpleasant smell when it's fresh, and was traditionally pickled to get rid of this. Marsh samphire is a succulent halophyte (a plant that grows in salt water), with vibrant green fleshy stalks and finger-like leaves. It has a distinctively crisp and salty flavour. It is high in Vitamin A and a good source of calcium and iron.

Buy samphire as you need it, because it doesn't keep for long. Wrap it tightly, and refrigerate for not longer than a few days if bought loose. It's at the height of its season from May to August. Find it on fish and salad counters in supermarkets and at fish shops.

Samphire can be used raw in salad if it's rinsed well, but because it tends to be very salty, it's more often cooked – either briefly fried in butter, for a couple of minutes in simmering water, or in a steamer for a few minutes. Whatever you do, don't add any more salt to the water. Samphire has such a distinctive texture and taste that it doesn't need any more flavours adding to it. Instead, think of it as a flavour to add to dishes – as well as accompanying fish and seafood, it goes well with lamb and in citrusy salads. You can also use it as an interesting drinks garnish for a gin and tonic.

Buttered Samphire (as a side dish with fish) - Rinse the samphire thoroughly and trim off any tough ends. If you have large clumps then break them up a bit. Bring a pan of water to the boil and tip in the samphire. Turn the water down to a simmer and cook for 2-3 mins or until tender. Drain well and add the butter while the samphire is hot. Season with pepper, if you like. Do not add any salt!

Gnocchi with Parsley, Butter & Samphire - Serves 2



Ingredients

Ready made Fresh Potato
Gnocchi 400G

Parmesan Cheese and a Lemon
(to garnish)

For the sauce

50g salted butter
3 shallots, finely sliced
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
100g samphire
Small pack of Curly Parsley, chopped

Method

Bring a large pan of water to the boil. Drop the gnocchi into the water and allow to cook for 2-3 mins until they float to the surface. Remove with a slotted spoon and keep hot while you cook the rest.

Meanwhile, gently heat the butter in a large heavy-based pan, add the shallots and garlic, and gently soften for 5-6 mins. Add the samphire and cook for 4-6 mins more.

Add the gnocchi to the pan with most of the parsley. Gently toss everything together and season. Serve immediately in warmed bowls, scattered with the rest of the parsley.

Garnish with grated parmesan cheese and a wedge of lemon

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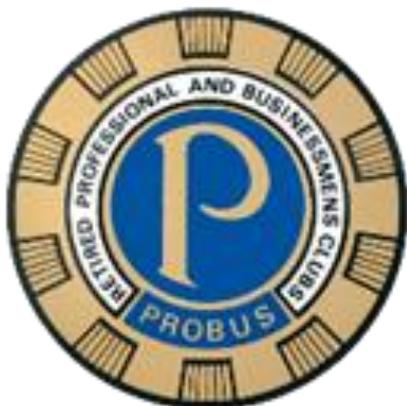
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Chapeltown & District Probus Club



We had another fascinating talk by Stephen Gay in April on the railway line and stations on the old route from Sheffield Victoria station to Penistone station. After the meeting 21 members had lunch at Wortley Hall.

The club offers friendship and companionship to all members, mainly those who are semi or fully retired, together with an interesting and varied list of speakers and good lunches at Wortley Hall. New members are always welcome and if you might be interested, why not come as a guest to see what it is like and join us for lunch?

If you are from Grenoside, we are in your village.

If you are interested in joining or would like to join a meeting as a guest, please make contact with the Secretary, Trevor Winslow (see below).

Upcoming meetings at 10.00 in Grenoside Community Centre
(followed by lunch at Wortley Hall):

11th May – Ian Webb “Alaskan Trail”

8th June – Jeff Jacklin “Retirement”

13th July – Ian Morgan “Bolsover Through the Ages”

Contact details: E-Mail chapeltown.probus@gmail.com

Website <https://chapeltown-probus.org.uk/>

Andrew Robinson

Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- 10 'Each man—a sword to his side'(Exodus32:27)(5)
- 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
- 13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7) (4)
- 16 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
- 17 Stir up or provoke (Acts13:50) (6)
- 18 Burden (Luke11:46) (4)
- 20 'As far as the east is from the—, so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
- 21 Sign (Luke23:38) (6)
- 22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
- 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
- 25 Has(anag.) (3)
- 28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, —sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
- 29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
- 30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Clues Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
- 3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
- 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
- 5 Slip (anag.) (4)
- 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
- 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
- 8 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
- 12 Acquire(2Timothy2:10) (6)
- 14 Container cover (Numbers19:15) (3)
- 15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on——!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)

19 Refrain(1Peter2:11) (7)

20 'She began to—his feet with her tears'(Luke7:38) (3)

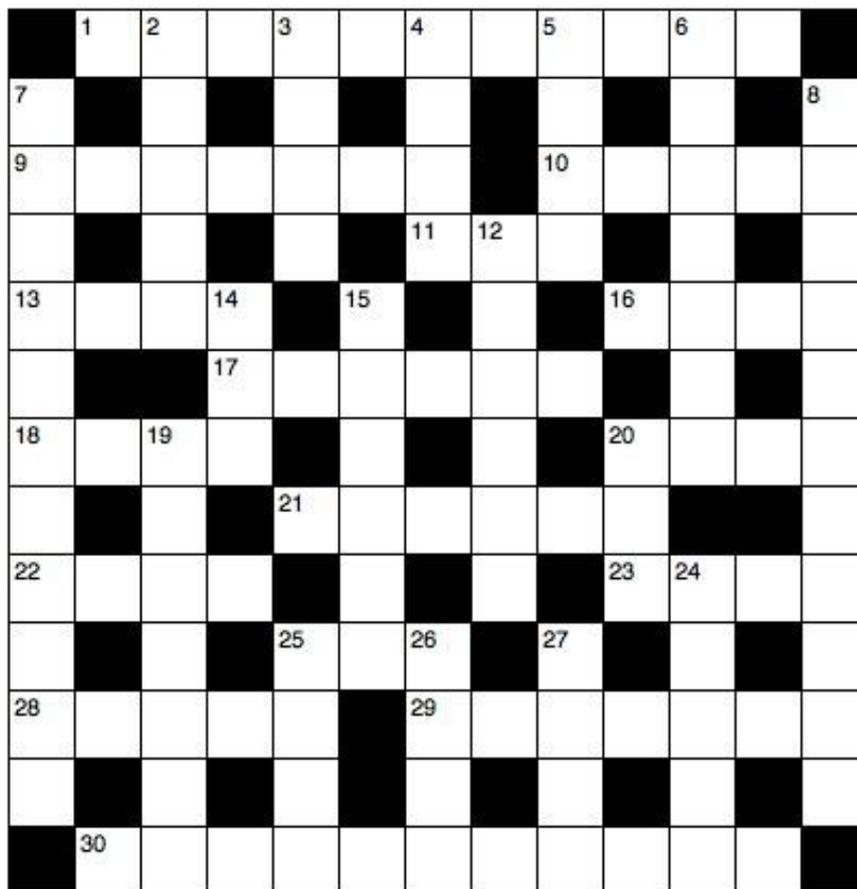
24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)

25 'Give to everyone who—you'(Luke6:30) (4)

26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)

27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

Solution is on Page 23



Prayers and Poems Page

Prayer for May - By Daphne Kitching

Dear Father in Heaven,

As we thank you for May, this most beautiful of months, we are aware that not everything in your world is beautiful; not every attitude or action is beautiful, or kind, or just.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world that we can sometimes feel overwhelmed. Help us, Lord to remember that Jesus came to bring all this brokenness together, to bring reconciliation and wholeness.

Thank you that by His life, death and resurrection Jesus overcame death for ever. Thank you that He ascended into heaven so that the Holy Spirit could come to live in believers, to give strength and power and resilience, so that Your work goes on.

Thank you that nothing in all creation - no evil attacks, no illness, no human powers, no circumstances at all - can ever separate us from Your love.

We will not be overwhelmed as we keep our eyes on You.

We may not always understand, but we acknowledge You to be the Lord, who reigns over all - and we are thankful. In Jesus name. Amen.

The travellers

They travelled together sad and forlorn
With all of their dreams shattered and torn,
It started so well, their hopes were high
Never to guess that He would die.

The Man joined the two as they walked along,
He asked why their faces were sad and long,
'Have you not heard?' disbelieving they cried
'How the One we followed was crucified?'

Opening the scriptures He began to unfold
How the Christ should suffer as written of old,
It was not a disaster, but all of God's plan
That one should come as Redeemer of man.

They listened enraptured as slowly they saw
The purpose of God revealed in the Law
The Prophets and Psalms, it's all about Him
The One who should come and rescue from sin.

O that eyes should be opened and scripture made plain,
To see Christ in its pages again and again,
That just like the travellers I too should see
The Master, the Saviour dying for me.

By Megan Carter

The Refugee

All that I was, I no longer am
All that I have, I hold in my hand
My home, my love, my world are all gone
One among thousands, I shuffle along.

Only last week I knew who I was
All that has gone, and only because
Someone in a land a long way away
Turned life into hell one terrible day.

He started a war, his heart icy cold
He rained down his hell on the young and the old
I ran for my life for I had no choice
And nobody heard the fear in my voice.

Everything's gone, and all that is 'me'
Summed up in a word – the word 'refugee'.
I have no control, no say in my fate
Just one in a crowd, I stand and I wait.

Waiting for what? The future's unclear,
For armed men have taken all that I held dear
Along with my hopes, and all I had planned
All swept away by the tanks in my land.

One thing alone puts a smile on my face
A far nicer stranger has come to this place;
A bed for the night? A cup of hot tea?
And - best of all - someone who sees me as me.

By Nigel Beeton

On The Refugee - Nigel Beeton wrote: 'Now our thoughts are overshadowed by the terrible situation in the Ukraine. I looked at the masses of people on the station platforms, and I thought, "only a couple of months ago, each one of those people had a life, a home, a shop to buy food, perhaps somewhere to grow daffodils, maybe a church to worship God, and their own hopes and dreams for the future. Now they are just part of a mass of people shuffling towards a westbound train.'

Contact Numbers for Local Groups

Ecclesfield Rainbows

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 5.00 pm to 6.15 pm
Leader - Debbie
Tel: 0786 047 1793

Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Monday 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm
Leader - Mrs J Hutchinson
Tel: 0798 344 2742

Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm
Leader - Mrs A. Kendall
Tel: 0114 246 8866

Ecclesfield Guides

Gatty Hall
Thursday 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Leader - Mrs C Topham
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EPPIC Theatre
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Wednesday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm
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2nd Pack 6.30 pm to 8.0 pm
Leader - Mrs A Hancock
Tel: 0114 245 2780

Ecclesfield Beavers

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Monday 6.00 pm to 7.15 pm
Leader - Mrs J Steel
0114 246 0218
Thursday - 5.45 - 7.00 pm
Shane Porteous
shane@ecclesfieldscouts.org.uk

Ecclesfield Scouts

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)
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Leader - Bryony Hemming
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Secretary: Judith Gill Tel: 0782 411 2584
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Chapelton and District PROBUS Club

Meets every 2nd Wednesday in the month
in Grenoside Community Centre
All retired and semi-retired gentlemen welcome
Contact the Secretary: Trevor Winslow
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